

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well during these uncertain times. Unfortunately, our predicted staffing over the next few days is unlikely to improve and so we will switch to an online VLE platform for year 9 to continue supporting their teaching. We will remain closed to year 9 for the remainder of the week but continue to stay open for year 11 and year 10.

Information on the VLE teaching platform for year 9

Teachers will set and mark work through our intranet, here is the link.-

<https://humberutc.sharepoint.com/sites/ENL-Home/>

Information on how to navigate to find work set is explained in the 'How to Guide', a link to this document can be found here- <https://humberutc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/ENL-Staff/EcOTuIpOKOhMtxKwKGdGg4cBINlhletU-m9jr-YhyEKG5g?e=UUlaRU>

Teachers will communicate with Year 9 students via email and the intranet. If you have any IT issues and need support please use this email address and we will endeavour to support you- Help@enlutc.on.spiceworks.com

I have received many phone calls from parents this morning for advice about isolation. The government yesterday made four changes to the previous advice which are as follows:

1. the period of self-isolation has increased from 7 to 14 calendar days.
2. if you or anyone in your home has symptoms you should remain at home and self-isolate. Plus, if you yourself or another person who you share your home with (with whom you are self-isolating) do not initially have symptoms, but these develop whilst you are self-isolating, the period of isolation will re-start for a further 14 calendar days, from the date the new symptoms began.
3. Pregnant women are now included on the list of those who may be vulnerable and should self-isolate, but it is not clear how long the self-isolation period is for. However, we are directing any staff that falls into this category should self-isolate of a period of at least 14 days at this stage, with immediate effect.
4. Colleagues with under-lying medical conditions. If you suffer from any under-lying medical conditions that you may feel places you in a vulnerable group (eg. Heart disease, Diabetes, Lung disease) you are advised to consult with your Specialist to seek guidance on whether or not they advise that you self-isolate. If you are required to self-isolate this must be for a period of at least 14 days.

The identified symptoms as outlined by the Public Health England continue to be:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature

The Government has also given out further advice in relation to limiting social contact and non-essential travel during this time.

Where a student has been sent home as a result of suspected infection they need to self-isolate in accordance with the Government advice. i.e. for fourteen days.

It seems the Government advice is likely to change again by the weekend, so further advice will follow as soon as it becomes available.

In the meantime, you can keep up to date on the government websites here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Stay safe.

Kind Regards

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